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1. Search Report Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages) and 1449 Form (1 page);
2. Copy of European Search Report (4 pages);
3. References for IDS (2 references);
4. This transmittal letter (1 page) (x2); and
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- c. X The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

- X A copy of EPO Search Report, dated 08 August 2002.
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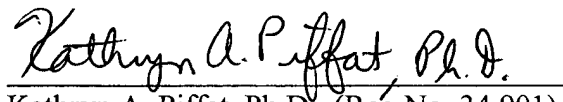
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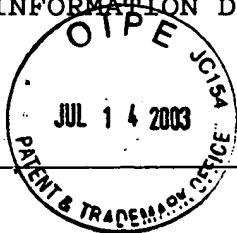
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CB	Bruce Merrifield, "Solid Phase Synthesis", Science 232:341-347 (1986)

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